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## SA Dominates Finance Committee

By Jennifer Dockery

Bullet Assistant News Editor

*Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of three articles about student organization funding.*

Former Student Finance Committee Chair Brian Donaghay said his goal for finance was to establish it as a separate entity from the Student Association because the committee allocates funds to the Student Association. However, a quick glance at the results of Wednesday's finance elections suggests that this will not be the year finance becomes separate. Eight of

the 10 members of the committee are directly involved with SA.

The committee is elected through the Senate, with four members representing the senators and four non-senators. Senior Len Ornstein and junior Heather Mullins, SA president and vice-president, also sit on the committee. However, this year, two other members of the SA executive cabinet, seniors Maureen Stinger and Chris Irvine, are also members of the finance committee.

Irvine, the current commuting SA chair, and Stinger, academic affairs

chair, were elected on Wednesday, Sept. 15, along with the six other new members, only two of whom are not involved with SA. The make-up of this new committee has brought new fuel to a debate that Donaghay referred to as "a major conflict of interest" between SA and finance.

"I don't think it could be bad. I think everybody that was elected is out for the best interests of the students," said Irvine, who said that he ran for the committee because he decided he could contribute a fresh outlook.

Mullins, who also serves as the president of Senate, is extremely pleased with this year's committee, but feels that finance should eventually separate from SA.

"I don't think anything bad will happen, but this seems to be an example of how things can be manipulated. The Rules and Procedures Committee will be working on a plan this year to separate finance," said Mullins, who said that the position of finance chair should be

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## Looking For Bill Anderson? Try Richmond

By Mary Willis  
Bullet Staff Writer

President of the college William Anderson has been criticized by some students and faculty for making frequent trips to Richmond and for his delegation of on-campus responsibilities to other administrators. Yet despite charges of abandonment, Anderson said

that such trips are essential and should not affect his on-campus involvement.

"It's true, because of the budget crisis, not a week goes by that I don't have meetings in Richmond. But I am still concerned about the students and faculty," he said.

Anderson said that he has given

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## MWC Debates Israel-PLO Peace Pact

By Michelle Smith  
Bullet Staff Writer

In a ceremony filled with hope and fears, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestine Liberation Organization officials signed the Declaration of Principles for establishing Palestinian self-rule in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank of Jericho on Sept. 13.

A crowd of about 3,000 people gathered on the South Lawn of the White House to witness the historic moment. The major U.S. television networks broadcasted the signing and people in almost 100 nations watched as the event unfolded.

Many Mary Washington College students, faculty and members of the community observed the ceremony. While most agree that the declaration is a step in the right direction for the two nations, many are still skeptical.

Stephen Weisman, lecturer in the department of classics, philosophy and religion, and rabbi at Beth Shalom Temple, is one who views the agreement with skepticism.

"It's not really a peace pact. It's a compromise with both sides sharing the risk and recognizing that they need each other if they are going to succeed," said Weisman. "It is not the end by [any] means, but just the beginning."

Victor Fingerhut, associate professor of political science, agrees.

"It's a wonderful step in the right direction but I think for there to be true peace in the Middle East, Iraq, Syria, Libya, and other countries are going to have to abolish the idea of boycotting and destroying Israel," said Fingerhut.

Reaction from the Palestinians on the stipulation of the declaration can be divided into two categories, according to Mehdi Aminrazavi, an Iranian who is an assistant professor of philosophy and religion. Aminrazavi said that there are Palestinians who were born and raised in Palestine and driven out in 1948, who cannot forget their homeland. They have yet to accept that the majority of their country will never be regained and do not want to accept just a fraction of their former country.

However, some Palestinians are thinking of the changes. These people have also come to grips with the fact that Israel has nuclear power and protection from the United States, so they will be happy with what they can get.

"I talked to some of my Palestinian friends and they have a positive attitude yet are concerned about it lasting," said Aminrazavi. "They don't think it will but don't want to accept the reality if it doesn't."

The ceremony that ended with Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat shaking hands at a symbol of peace still left some with doubts.

"I'm suspicious of Arafat. I don't trust him. I think he has another motive in mind," said junior Jennifer Moss, who is Jewish.

Student Association President Len Ornstein, also Jewish, said he does not trust Arafat, either.

"Arafat has always been a terrorist to me. It will be hard for me to think of him as anything but," said Ornstein.

Orstein said that while he is glad that Palestinians have stopped allowing themselves to be used, he said he does not want to form ideas about what is best for the Palestinians because he is not there.

"I'm not an armchair strategist," said Ornstein.

Lewis Fickett, distinguished professor of political science, said that the end of the Cold War and American intervention in the Persian Gulf War provided the foundation for the pact.

Weisman said he feels that it was the Camp David accords in March of 1979, which led to the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, is what paved the way for the



## Administrative Forum Becomes One-Woman Show

Dean Joanne Beck, left, fields questions about 24/7 visitation, incense burning, and the mission of the college at a Sept. 15 forum. Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student services, attended for approximately 30 minutes. Below, junior Jasper White, judicial chair, gets ready to ask a question while freshman Carl Poole, a senator and member of the finance committee, contemplates Beck's response.

Photos by Mike Woodward.

## Incense Case Overturned

By Adam Fike  
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Chad Morig has been in a good mood all week. Following a hearing by the Judicial Review Board on Sept. 14, which decided not to suspend him from campus housing for the rest of the semester for burning incense in his dorm room, Morig said that "a giant weight has been lifted from my shoulders."

Morig, a sophomore, and his roommate Ryan Orkus, also a sophomore, were suspended from campus by Joanne Beck, dean of students, following an Aug. 31 write-up for burning incense in Mercer Hall. Upon suspension, both students were forced to move off-campus but would have to pay on-campus fees for the rest of the semester.

Orkus transferred to Penn State following his suspension. Morig's punishment however was reduced to probation when he made an appeal to the board. Morig will also be required to write an article about fire prevention and to devise programs for the dorms concerning fire safety.

"I had a strong feeling that everything is reasonable and I didn't believe that I had been treated in a reasonable fashion," said Morig. "My big concern was the financial burden for my parents and myself of having to live off-campus and pay for [on-

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## Ray Merchant Leaving MWC After 34 Years

### Executive VP Lobbied For Name Change, Break From UVA, Switch To Co-ed

By Matthew Cox

Bullet Staff Writer

Ray Merchant, executive vice president of Mary Washington College, said that if it was up to him, the school's name would be changed before he retires in Nov. 1.

"The name of this institution is not conducive to getting a full complement of potential students, and by full complement, I refer to men," Merchant said.

Merchant also said that each year thousands of likely students have to be informed that MWC is not a women's college. One possibility, he said, could be the creation of a gender-neutral name such as Washington College.

Throughout the 34 years that Merchant has been with MWC, he has maintained a reputation of supporting controversial issues like the attempt to change the name of the college, the switch to co-ed and the separation from the University of Virginia. In addition he has held a vast array of job titles while serving under three presidents. Some say they will miss his commitment to his work, while others will miss his sense of compassion and

understanding. In less than two months, MWC will lose a man some have called "a walking history book of the college."

In the midst of a divided campus, Merchant supported a plan in 1985 to change the school's name to Washington and Monroe College only to see it voted down by alumni in Virginia.

"There was more opposition out there than we thought," he said.

Name changing is not the only major issue that Merchant has been a part of while at MWC. In 1969, when the school was the women's college of the University of Virginia, three women brought a discrimination suit against UVA for denying them admission on the basis of gender. The suit was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union and was expanded to include Mary Washington for discriminating in the admission of men. The suit never made it to court because both schools agreed to go co-

ed in 1970.

Merchant, who at the time was director of admissions, said that MWC was losing a number of potential students each year to schools that had already gone co-ed.

"I felt that the men could help us maintain an adequate

applicant pool," he said.

According to Merchant, MWC enrolled 22 men that year, all of whom went through problems of adjustment that were similar to the ones the first black students encountered in the 1960s. Feelings of alienation and apprehension were very common, he said. Merchant went on to say that helping male students adapt to an environment that is predominantly female has remained an "uphill battle."

In addition to playing a part in the co-education of MWC, he also watched as the college broke free from its affiliation to UVA in 1972.

"It was to our benefit, I think, to separate from the University of Virginia," he said.

Although MWC had high credibility from its association with UVA, said Merchant, the college often suffered during board meetings. According to Merchant, MWC's business was handled by a subcommittee of the board of visitors of UVA.

"The people on the board were more interested in the University of Virginia, in a classical sense, than they were in Mary Washington," he said.

Merchant has also observed three presidents during his stay in the college.

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Ray Merchant

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# Dorm Fire Fails To Set Off Alarms

By Kristen Green  
Bullet News Editor

When freshman Susan Love went to her room on the fourth floor of Randolph Hall last Thursday, she turned on the clip-on light on her top bunk and left her room for a few minutes, with her two roommates in bed asleep.

When Love returned a few minutes later, her pillow was smoldering and her roommates were still asleep. And the dorm fire alarms had not gone off.

So Love went to see Kirk Ranzetta, the Randolph fire marshall, who told her to wake up her roommates and leave the room. By then her RA, sophomore April Tofanelli, had returned to the dorm, smelled the fumes on her way up the stairs, and went to the fire marshall who told her to evacuate the fourth and fifth floors of the building. Still, the fire alarms did not go off and no one activated them.

Ranzetta then called campus police, who arrived at 1:33 a.m. According to Lieutenant Greg Perry, smoke was still coming out of the building and some residents were still in their rooms, as the building had not been evacuated. When the officers went into Randolph, the fire and smoke

detectors still had not been activated, so an officer activated them manually.

According to Tofanelli, the police notified the Fredericksburg fire department, who sent two firetrucks.

The firemen removed the lamp and mattress from the room. Tofanelli said the residents waited outside the dorm for approximately 40 minutes while the firemen cleared out the room because the fumes in the room and the hallways were toxic.

Tofanelli said she was not concerned with the fact that the alarms did not go off because she was preoccupied with the safety of her residents.

"My first priority was to get residents out," she said.

Tofanelli said that when she first entered the hall she could see smoke.

"We couldn't see anything in the hall. It was obvious that there was smoke in the room but it was more smell than smoke," she said.

Resident Director of Randolph Hall Kim Coleman said that the fire alarms did not go off because the pillow never actually caught on fire.

"The pillow and mattress were smoldering and letting off slightly toxic fumes but it was not anything dangerous," she said.

Coleman, however, added that several students were admitted to the health center and treated for nausea resulting from breathing the toxic fumes.

Coleman said she thought that the RAs handled the situation well but said that the fire alarm should have been sounded immediately.

"Probably the alarm should have been sounded right away but [the RAs] thought it would be better for the police to come in and sound the alarm," Coleman said.

"A lot of residents thought it was a drill but it was a potentially dangerous situation," she said.

Coleman said that the next morning the physical plant came to Randolph with Dean of Residence Life Pete Lefferts to inspect the fire alarms.

"The fire alarms work fine," Coleman said.

Grant Angel, fire inspector for the physical plant, said that he tested the alarms the next morning and that all the fire alarms were in fine working condition.

"They are designed to go off at a certain point and for some reason they never got to that point," he said. "I don't know exactly how smokey the room was."

Perry however said that most smoke detectors on campus are very sensitive. "They go off if you're frying an egg," he said.

Perry said that the alarms should have been pulled when Love noticed the smoke.

"Obviously the police department is not going to tell people not to leave [the building] or not to set off the alarm," he said. "That's ridiculous."

Perry said that the officer in charge who responded to the fire did a good job.

"He did what he was trained to do. He got people out of the building," Perry said.

Perry said that the police department was not involved in the inspection of the fire alarms.

But David Liebal, assistant director of the physical plant, said that the alarms were tested by the fire inspector for the physical plant who reported that the alarms were in good working condition. Liebal said the smoke was not dense enough in the room to set the alarm off.

"There was a fan in the window running which pulled smoke out of the room. There wasn't enough smoke to set it off," Liebal said.

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campus housing), too."

Dean Beck, who advises the board in hearings, Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student services and Jasper White, the judicial chairperson, all refused to comment on any specific student conduct hearing.

Senior Tom Lipscomb, who served as student defender in the hearing, said that Beck was harsh in her original decision to suspend Morigand Orkus.

"I think in future punishment, if this should come up again, that Dean Beck should be more flexible in her deligation of punishment," said Lipscomb. "It is a very minor infraction and evidence shows that it doesn't pose any real danger to fire safety and it should be punished accordingly."

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agreement.

"We could not have gotten to where we are if Begin and Sadat hadn't found a way to talk, to agree, and to agree to disagree," said Weisman.

The accord between Israeli premier Menachem Begin and Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, which ended a 31-year state of war, included an

agreement upon borders and the exchange of ambassadors. The second half of the agreement failed.

The Declaration of Principles was designed to take care of what was left undone. The document calls for direct, free and general political elections

under international observation for membership on the council. Within three months both sides will reach an

agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip. The Palestinians will form a police force to be responsible for internal security and public order.

Also, a liaison and economic committee will be set up to aid in the transfer of power and cooperation on economic issue. At the end of the five-year transitional period of limited autonomy for the Palestinians, there will be a permanent accord.

Senior Jennifer Brown, president of Hillel, who spent six weeks of this past summer in Israel, said that

relinquishing the Gaza Strip to Palestine is not of great concern to the Israelis.

"The Israelis I talked with didn't really care about the Gaza Strip because the land isn't very strategic or resourceful. They were more concerned about the Golan Heights," said Brown. "I am worried that the Palestinians will want more territory and that might evoke a war."

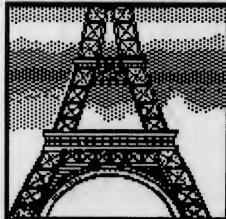
Fingerhut said that Israel will gladly give back Gaza and the West Bank because there will no longer be any security concerns if surrounding countries would also make peace.

## SUMMER SCHOOL 1994, "EUROPEAN CAPITALS":

### LONDON, PARIS, PRAGUE, and BERLIN

For the second time, the Departments of History/American Studies and Political Science/International Affairs are sponsoring a six-credit course that will take students to Europe for three weeks during the first term of summer school in 1994. Students can experience the Europe of yesterday, today, and tomorrow by visiting London, Paris, Prague, and Berlin. The six credits for the course can be used as part of the major programs in History, Political Science, or International Affairs, or as elective credit for students not in those majors.

**THE TRIP -** Leaving from Washington during week one of the First Five-Week Term of Summer School, the group will fly to London for a six-day stay, and then travel to the continent to spend five days in Paris, three days in Prague, and then the last four days in Berlin. There will be three days for travel between London and Paris and Prague and Berlin and an overnight train ride from Paris to Prague. The group will return from Berlin on June 6.



**THE COURSE -** This is a unique course for Mary Washington College students. It does not duplicate what is already offered on the College campus but relies instead on material and experiences "on site." Interdisciplinary in nature and team-taught, this course, by taking advantage of the unique cultural and academic resources that exist in the four capital cities, provides students with unmatched opportunities for study and learning. Students will be asked to read from texts that will contain materials pertinent to the intellectual, cultural, economic, and political contributions the four capital cities have made to European History. Students will also have the opportunity to attend at least one artistic performance in each of the four cities and assess the artistic contributions of the various societies with visits to major museums.

**THE FACULTY -** An interdisciplinary faculty will teach the course. Professor Porter Blakemore from History and Professor John Kramer from Political Science and International Affairs will accompany the students from city to city.

**ELIGIBILITY -** "European Capitals" is open to all Mary Washington College students interested in the history, culture and politics of Europe. Yet, there are a limited number of places available for this course and spots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis.

**COSTS -** The cost per person for traveling the twelve days will be approximately \$2,995, which includes all travel expenses, overnight accommodations, breakfasts and admission costs to many museums, cultural sites and one-day excursions.

**QUESTIONS? -** An information meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Monroe 202 on Thursday, September 22. The deadline for participation is December 1. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Mr. Blakemore or Mr. Kramer.

# Police Beat

By Adam Fike  
Bullet Assistant News Editor

There was no damage to anything except the cake.

## Intoxication

• On Sept. 9 Greg Newman, a non-student, was charged with driving under the influence (DUI).

• On Sept. 10 a student checked himself into the Health Center and later registered a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .13.

• On Sept. 11 three students, walking from a party which police had broken up on Franklin Street, were charged with drunk in public (DIP).

• On Sept. 12 a student in Randolph Hall was taken to the Health Center with a BAC of .21.

• On Sept. 12 an intoxicated student was taken to the Health Center from William Street with a BAC of .19.

• On Sept. 15 an intoxicated student, who was a passenger in a car which police stopped for a traffic violation, was taken to the Health Center with a BAC of .18.

## Fire

• On Sept. 9 a fire alarm was set off in Hamlet House by a burning steak.

• On Sept. 10 a fire was caused in Randolph Hall by a lamp left near a pillow. Only the pillow and bedding were damaged.

• On Sept. 14 a fire alarm in Custis Hall was set off by an over-done cake.

## Corrections

Last week's Bullet article titled "STUDENTS KICKED OFF CAMPUS FOR BURNING INCENSE" incorrectly stated that the violation occurred on March 31. The violation actually occurred on August 31.

SAE budget was incorrectly listed as \$78,000 instead of \$78,699.

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# Business Faculty Criticized In Study

By Matthew Cox  
Bullet Staff Writer

When the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools evaluated Mary Washington College's institutional Self Study in March, they said that the business administration department was employing faculty who are underqualified to teach at the college. However, MWC officials said that the faculty in question are qualified in their area of expertise.

Richard Hansen, interim dean of faculty, said "SACS misinterpreted the situation and it's up to us to set them straight."

The 17-member reaffirmation committee of SACS, a regional accrediting group from Atlanta, Ga., spent four days at the college evaluating areas such as institutional effectiveness, administration processes and educational programs. Then the committee composed a 125-page report of the study that included a list of 35 recommendations. The college must respond to all recommendations before Oct. 1.

One of the recommendations suggested that the college do an analysis of faculty qualification in the business administration department. The committee said that Karen Williams, assistant professor of business administration, and Michael Smith, adjunct professor of business administration, are not qualified because neither possess a master's degree in business administration.

Williams, who is on maternity leave, could not be reached for comment. She is a lawyer with a Juris Doctorate degree and teaches business law, commercial law and legal ethics.

Gano Evans, professor and chair of the business administration department, said he is confused by the board's accusation that Williams and Smith are underqualified.

"I've been teaching for 31 years, and I've never heard this. Everywhere I've ever been JD is a terminal qualification for teaching law," Evans said.

Evans said that JD is accepted as a qualification at the American Assembly for Collegiate Schools of Business, another accrediting group.

Evans said that he does not understand why Smith's bachelor's degree in physics did not qualify him to teach but meets the SACS criteria for exceptions on the basis of "outstanding professional experience and demonstrated contributions to the teaching discipline." Smith also has a certificate from the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program. Smith was asked to attend the program because of his success selling flights for the space shuttle program for NASA, where he has been a top executive for the past 17 years. In addition, Smith has also authored numerous college text books and technical manuals in the areas of physics and business.

"He is also a cracker-jack teacher of quantitative methods," said Evans. Smith said the main reason he belongs at MWC is that his teaching methods work for a college this size.

"I use the Socratic method and my students love it," he said.

Smith also said that students today are demanding that institutions provide them with better teachers.

"I try to think of ways that I can make the information stick," he said.

Ray Merchant, executive vice president of the college, who is overseeing the response to SACS, said that the college will defend both Williams' and Smith's qualifications and wait for a reply. Merchant also said that he thinks the whole thing is a misunderstanding.

Marjorie Poyck, executive assistant to the president, said that she does not think that SACS recommendations will interfere with the accreditation.

Heidi Heise, a student representative for the business administration department and secretary of the Society for Advancement of Management, said that she likes the idea of MWC hiring teachers who have other professions because these teachers can tell students what the profession is like



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## When Walking Just Won't Do.

Fredericksburg resident Pete Glancy's daredevil moves and bare chest have been a common sight around campus in the past few weeks.

on the outside.

"You can only learn so much from books," she said.

Chip Cherry, president of the Fredericksburg, Stafford and Spotsylvania area chamber of commerce said that the quality of students who apply for internships is high.

"The students that have come out of the business administration department have been excellent," he said.

**Next  
Tuesday  
you'll  
notice  
something's  
missing.**

The Bullet.

# MWC Values Council Slow To Get Started

By Zelina Murray  
Bullet Staff Writer

A life-threatening phone call made last year to three Mary Washington College African-American freshmen, women also served as a wake-up call to the college community's treatment of harassment and diversity issues. But MWC has been slow to respond to that wake-up call.

Last spring, President of the college William Anderson said that the college would formulate a council of community values and behavioral expectations in response to the racial incident. The committee, made of 18 nominated or designated students, faculty members and administrators, has a \$10,000 budget to help improve harassment and diversity issues on campus.

Forrest Parker, vice president of the multicultural center, said the council has met three times since its development and is still in its primary stages of getting organized and deciding what the group wants to accomplish for the year. The council has yet to meet this year.

According to Marjorie Poyck, executive assistant to the president, the council's first year is going to be experimental in the areas of group dynamics and formulating and carrying out the council's stated objective.

"This council is like any other committee on campus — it will have a slow beginning with attempting to organize members and make decisions about the direction that it should take," Poyck said. "But it will develop its own personality over time."

According to Parker, the council members were ultimately selected by Anderson. Poyck said that Anderson will have no direct involvement with the committee, but that the committee will act as an advisory group to him.

"I think the bottom line is that the president has a genuine concern about improving the quality of life for everyone on campus," Poyck said.

Though the council consists of 18 members, most of the members approached by the Bullet would not talk about the council but instead

named Parker as the spokesperson for the council.

"The idea behind selecting a spokesperson was not to take away the autonomy of anyone on the council but to deal with any direct matters that concern community values," Parker explained.

Poyck said that one positive aspect of the council is that people will have an organized group available to address concerns.

"This council has the potential to excite and get other people involved but that success depends on the 'marrying' of the people within the group and its visibility," she said.

Council member Donald Rallis, assistant geography professor, said the council has potential to help improve the quality of life for the campus community if people make their concerns known to the council members.

"If there are no responses from the community, it is my opinion that the community runs the risk of letting the council think that nothing is wrong," Rallis added.

Parker is optimistic that the campus will respond to the group's purpose to alert the community of issues.

"We want to keep the general public informed and involved, but we need input about specific issues on campus," Parker said. "We would be completely missing the boat if we didn't first analyze what is expected from us."

Rallis also added that he felt that people should not only pinpoint the problem but offer an idea for a solution.

"I encourage those with complaints to offer as specific as possible a solution," Rallis said.

Council member Kendra Williams, a junior, is also optimistic about the group's role in the community.

"I think the council is going to work with other organizations and mechanisms that are already in place with issues that have to deal with the school's community values statement and statement of non-discrimination. We're not trying to reinvent the wheel," Williams said.

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# OPINIONS

## Visitation: A Dead Horse

Last Wednesday night, members of the Student Association Executive Cabinet gathered with many members of the student senate and very few informed students in their effort to host an administrative forum — a time when MWC students could ask their administrators about whatever was on his or her mind.

According to SA President Len Ornstein, this forum was a "major agenda item" for the Student Association this semester. Not only that, the forum was originally meant for students to sound off about 24/7 visitation. We'd just like to ask one question: "why?"

For a major agenda issue, it seems curious that SA only invited four administrators: President Anderson, Pete Lefferts, Joanne Beck, and Conrad Warlick. President Anderson was in Richmond, and Lefferts could not attend. While student leaders are always appreciative of Beck's and Warlick's willingness to talk with students, it is safe to say that John Q. Student at MWC already knows how Beck feels about 24/7 visitation.

It started harmlessly enough. The trouble began when a freshman senator raised his hand and asked the well-worn question, "I don't want to beat a dead horse about this issue, but why don't you think we should have 24/7?"

Let's think about this for just a minute. In the last year, Senate has drafted two different proposals and organized rallies. Beck formed a visitation subcommittee that senators, desk aides, resident assistants and assistant deans served on, and their recommendations were rejected by Senate. In the spring of 24/7 proposal number two, Beck told Senate that she found the proposal to be complete and took it to the senior staff, who presumably killed it. When students returned to school in the fall, they learned that 24/7 did not fit in with the mission of the college, and no more proposals would be read by Beck. The Bullet has reported on every aspect of this process and students have talked about this issue through every outlet available to them.

As much as a majority of the students on this campus would like to see a change in the visitation policy, there comes a time to realize when a dead horse is being beaten.

As much as a majority of the students on this campus would like to see a change in the visitation policy, there comes a time to realize when a dead horse is being beaten.

Those arguments aren't working.

The time for a new argument has come. Either find one or move on.

## Making Of A Mecca

Is Fredericksburg really a cultural wasteland? Often it seems that way. But if you look hard enough you can sometimes find the dance performance, the bookstore, or whatever it is you're looking for. But what if you look and look and come up empty-handed?

Well, there are two choices: you can either whine and complain that Fredericksburg sucks, or you can do something about it.

Realizing the need for accessible, high-standard poetry readings, two members of the MWC community sought a means to their end. They went out into Fredericksburg and solicited for space in which to hold their dreamt-of poetry readings, and then they solicited interested and/or reputable poets and authors to read their work.

Another cultural void was filled by the openings of The Hidden Fox and Other Mysteries and The Purple Moon Bookstore. Both of these were opened in order to fill the demand for alternative and women's literature.

Sure, it's not as easy as it sounds to just open a bookstore, or a bar, or a cafe, or a restaurant or some kind of facility which would provide a creative outlet and serve the needs of the Fredericksburg community. However, thinking even on a smaller scale can still reap great and beneficial results.

Certainly there are more than just these three examples of frustration turned into creative production. We'll just have to go out and look for them — we're bound to find something. And if not, we can just take matters into our own hands.

## Circus May Seem Like Innocent Fun

Patricia Metzger

Guest Columnist

And what's so wrong with a circus? Isn't it traditional family entertainment? Wholesome as apple pie? Lions, tigers, elephants — the circus lets children see wild animals up close. It's exciting! It's fun! It's American! And so why would anybody want to protest the circus?

If we look beyond all the glitz and hype, we find a group of traveling entertainers and their support staff. While the humans involved with the show have chosen this lifestyle, the animals were never given any option. The animals are "owned" by the circus; they are its property. What does this mean for a lion, tiger, bear, chimpanzee, or elephant?

Consider that these animals travel an average of 48 to 50 weeks per year in all kinds of weather,

usually with no heating or air-conditioning. Elephants are often left chained for hours inside railway cars in the sun in 90 to 100 degree weather. Tigers live in, and are transported in, cages that are four feet by five feet by six feet. These cages are stacked two high, packed eight to a truck for transport. During transport, all the animals must live in their own excrement.

When they arrive at the circus site, the animals can be given fresh air, water and food; the elephants can walk around within set confines — perhaps they even help raise the "big top." As one man said to me last week: "Lady, I love these animals. I watch National Geographic all the time!" My response: "Does this look like National Geographic to you?" The confinement may be the least of these animals'

worries.

Did you ever stop to think about how the animals learn all those tricks? The answer is "negative stimuli." Elephants are beaten with "bull hooks" and whips during training. Bears frequently have their noses broken or their paws burned when learning to dance. A "trainer's club" helps chimpanzees to master their act. Whips and electric prods are commonly used as "control devices" for many of the performing animals. What about positive reinforcement? Quite simply, these animals must be "broken in"; there is no positive reinforcement that will urge a tiger to jump through a hoop of fire! While food may be used eventually in training (often coupled with the

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## Down And Dirty In A Laundromat

Nathan Leslie

Columnist

Last year I lived in a house off-campus, without two of the greatest technological advances known to humankind: the washer and the dryer. I don't have a car and there is not a Laundromat in downtown Fredericksburg, although I considered on many occasions dropping my laundry off at one of the many quaint antique stores or gourmet restaurants to see how Old Town service goes. But most of the time I borrowed my housemate's car and motored up to the Kleen Scene Laundromat near the Safeway on the other side of the Rappahannock. Boy did I have fun!

The obscene cost of \$1.50 a wash load was a mere pittance compared to the pleasure I received from replacing the dry stirring air of academia in my lungs with the dank, rich air of the mundane Laundromat. I enjoy the company of "the ordinary folks" who still ride on buses, trains, visit parks, frequent barbershops... Laundromats.

So when I went to the Laundromat, I liked to converse with a fellow laundry-washer over the loud rumble of machines and heavy odor of wet detergent and soggy clothes. It was usually small talk. But "ordinary people" are so often much more pleasant to hang around with than intellectuals or academics. I can let my guard down when I'm away from the burning pressure of the still-existent Protestant work ethic, away from the guilt-trips, the grilling questions: "so what are you going to do with your life?" ("I'm going to live it," I sometimes respond. I'm certainly not going to let it dry and fizzle in the scorching heat of hyper-neurosis).

Why this constant insistence upon grades, producing the business life?

Standing amidst the type of people I grew up around — my relatives for instance come mostly from a rural and "working-man's" background — I realized that there must be a certain allergy which is peculiar to brick-walked, white-pillared type areas. It is called intellectual snobbery. Its aggravating symptoms are as follows. A nasty rash of redneck bashing develops first. Often a one's whole face becomes so infected that it looks even at the sight of a man in a pickup truck. Sometimes the disturbed facial appearance is followed up by a rather severe diarrhea of the mouth, an expulsion of explicatives damning working-class Southern culture.

Next viscous sore-throat condition develops. The throat swells and reddens with chomphem, so much so that many ridiculous statements are apparently without control flung out of it towards "ordinary people": "ignorant," "culturally illiterate," "stolen and stupid," "slovenly," and "slob." Lastly and most noticeably, the head swells so to appear to be hideously deformed (it looks as if you stuck a pin in an infected head it would burst open like a water balloon and drown you in its pus). The inflated head thinks thoughts bordering on the clinically insane; that those "ignorant ones" must be taught "how to think," or at least that their children must be taught, that they must be converted to the great way of the mind, that they must be cranked through the machinery of liberalism, intellectualism, egalitarianism, pseudo-socialism, feminism, multiculturalism, that they must learn how

## Politics And Snazzy Posters

Adam Fike and Jeremy Cline  
Columnists

It is now time for us to put our money where our mouths are and announce Jeremy Cline's candidacy for... well, something.

For now, just which election we

will be targeting is not the point because, goodness, there are just so many. The truth is that this is a way for us to do our bit for social science and maybe just prove a point. The fact that we are a smidge power-hungry doesn't hurt either.

We were just

sort of hanging around "The Nest" on the day of freshman elections. The display put on by the voters was one of the most pitiful performances we had yet seen at MWC. Why, they were throwing out votes like it was government cheese. Not only could we see that a soul among them were actually reading any of the qualification posters, most were discussing who to vote for simply by looks! Then it occurred to us — you know, the rest of us really aren't that much better.

Here is the theory. In high school, elections were based on who was most popular and who had the best campaign. In college we should have matured to the point where

qualifications are the only true basis for which we cast our votes. Not so. We believe most of the students at MWC are still going to vote for the girl they met at a party or the guy with the cutest haircut. In a democracy, qualifications don't necessarily matter for diddly-squat when the vote is being cast. (For God's sake, Ollie North is running for the Senate.)

The idea for this whole thing came about after Jeremy suffered a blistering political catastrophe. When he first came to school this year he had this idea to run for student senate. He gave a powerful, witty, poignant, fifteen-second speech, hung one campaign poster (that included a picture of him at a urinal), and the next thing you know they're calling him Senator Cline.

His elation was quickly turned to severe depression when he found that, as a result of a rather mischievous freshman year, he did not have the minimum GPA required for senators. You'd think that Ted Kennedy would have to stand up to such scrutiny, but we don't believe that U.S. Senate standards are quite as tough.) Jeremy is, however, a better man for it, because in the deep, near suicidal angst that followed his fall from power he got the idea to run

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## Letters To The Editor

### No More Homage To "Dead White Guys"

In reading Len Ornstein's proposal to name the new dorm after Major-General George Henry Thomas, I found myself asking one question: "When does this get funny?"

I was expecting the column's straight-faced tone to break into satirical humor. It didn't. Ornstein is serious. The Student Association president actually wants another building named after another general.

Ask yourself: Do Mary Washington students really need another Civil War hero? Will naming a dorm after a man responsible for playing a key role in the death or wounding of over 20,000 men in Nashville more than 100 years ago have any positive influence on the college? I don't think so.

Ornstein is asking the administration to grant General Thomas the justice he is due. Will anyone care in three years why Thomas residence hall has that name? Probably not. And if they bothered to find out, would the life of Major-General Thomas inspire them to do or think anything useful? I doubt it. So, this is really spreading justice?

I suggest that the college try expanding its horizons a little when it names the new dorm. Here's the perfect chance to honor the life of someone who actually did something inspiring. Mother Theresa, for example, has done much to promote

peace and justice on an international scale. The truth is, we students have enough buildings named after Southern white male conformists for the time being.

If the Student Association president wants to keep his students in mind, he should ask the administration to give thought to the fact that we live in a world which has little use for honoring the memory of dead white males who did nothing more remarkable than command men to kill efficiently.

Nate Camp  
freshman

### Ornstein Not First To Recognize Historical Figure

I am writing in response to Mr. Ornstein's column about General George Henry Thomas. I believe that I am qualified to address this for two reasons: first, I am a native South Hamptonian; second, I am a preservation major, and am currently nominating General Thomas' birthplace for the National Register of Historic Places.

I was exactly right about the biographical information he offered on Thomas. And, from the tone of his piece, I think he feels that most Virginians do not consider Thomas one of THEIR heroes. That could not

be true anywhere in the Commonwealth than it is in Southampton County. It is said that after Thomas announced his historic decision, his spinster sisters turned his picture toward the wall, and never again allowed it to be set upright, and General Thomas never returned to the county after the war between the states. Although feelings against him have ebbed over the past 130 years, General Thomas is not a topic of positive conversation at the dinner table in and around Southampton County. People do not quickly make a man, who inflicted more casualties on the Confederate Army than any other Southerner who fought for federal forces, in their "favorite sons."

However, despite their dislike of Thomas, most South Hamptonians respect the man for the great general and strategist that there was. Residents also recognize the fact that, if not an agreement that federal officials made with Thomas so that he would fight for the North, our beautiful county would not have all of the historic resources that it does today (i.e. homes and court records that go at least to 1730). In recognition of this, there are three roadways named for Thomas in the county, a road plaque honoring him that was erected and paid for by the Southampton County Historical Society, and a sword on display in the courthouse that reportedly belonged to Thomas.

Not only that, but I, a member of the

United Daughters of the Confederacy, the historical society, and one of the oldest families in the county, am nominating his childhood home for national and state recognition. I would say that he has been pretty well-honored in a place that has more connections with Fredericksburg. I think it would be wonderful if the college granted further justice to

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to speak the speech of the nineties, that they must learn how to vote, how to read Shakespeare, how to whistle Bach in the shower. Once again the dominant white culture is trying to convert a group of people to its own ways—Imperialism lives. Criticizing a culture isn't inherently "wrong"—these "isms" are worthy ideals. The problem arises when we judge people too much according to politics, and not enough according to humanity.

This peculiar allergy is quite a phenomenon! It's ironic that the very conversion tactics

used by the early missionaries five hundred years ago are still very much in style in the same universities that condemn such tactics. It is funny that so many allergy-prone academics who want to annihilate racism, homophobia, and sexism still betray one of the oldest biases in the world—classism.

Classism isn't attacked enough these days. It isn't fashionable. But also I think classism strikes too close to the heart of the real heritage of white academics. After all much of white American culture has its origins in "redneck" culture. "Redneck" is often the term used to describe "backward" white working-class folks. Most of the early settlers of the colonies were not Evian-sipping scholars but rough-and-tumble, explorers, hunters, adventurers, and laborers—rednecks! I don't think white academics have to like that heritage, but I do think they need to recognize it and have a little gratitude towards it—despite its sexism, racism, and homophobia etc. Without the initial efforts of what are called "rednecks" now, much of white American culture would not exist. The ungracious attitude is a self-

loathing: White academics are rednecks too, however much they want to deny it.

The reason I am so critical particularly of white academics lies in the nature of the academic institution. Not only is Mary Washington College, for instance,

*Most of the early settlers of the colonies were not Evian-sipping scholars but rough-and-tumble explorers, hunters, adventurers, and laborers -- rednecks!*

completely isolated from the town of Fredericksburg in practice (walls, shrubbery), but it is theoretically antagonistic to the town (larger universities like the University of Maryland at College Park simply swallow the surrounding areas whole). I wholly appreciate the opportunities I have here. I appreciate the fact that I can use the library, see theater films, attend lectures, gain invaluable book-knowledge and so on. There is a lot of value in the college experience itself. I even enjoy the isolation and the Utopian aesthetics of MWC myself... some of the time. However, Mary Washington College as an institution that does not recognize the importance of a different kind of experience—the practical one, the kind of experience we can foster by successfully interacting with the citizens of the Fredericksburg community, the kind of knowledge that I have not attained in attending MWC. I attack white academics because I am one, and because I don't want to be one — least not as the institution produces them now.

This brings up the issue of a cure for this expansive allergy. It can only be found in looking at ignorance itself. What is ignorance? Well, basically it is lacking knowledge of something. Ignorance is normally considered to be one of the great sins of the world, but ignorance itself has its pluses and minuses. At times ignorance is bliss. Average Joe the construction worker

hardly has to feel the anguish of realizing that maybe, just maybe, Shakespeare's plays were written by Francis Bacon. He hardly has to worry about the dangerous effects of 17th century rationalism. That kind of knowledge isn't important to him. There is no such thing as a "trickledown" truth.

On the other hand Average Joe does have to deal with the soaring rent bill, with the fact that his daughter may be pregnant, with the damn plumbing again. Average Joe may not know anything about Jean Baptiste Racine but instead he knows how to fix the plumbing, he knows how to do things with his hands. Classism is the attitude which considers working with hands inferior to the activities of the mind. Why isn't carpentry considered an intellectual activity for instance, why are vocational school (Vo-tech) kids made fun of?, as if most of us know a lug nut from our ass. But then again economic circumstances often prove that we don't have to — ignorance is bliss.

So what is the ignorance of academia then? Ignorance is thinking that Frednecks are scum. Ignorance is not knowing how to fix your car (I don't — one of the reasons I don't have one). Ignorance is thinking that somehow academic knowledge is superior to practical knowledge, that you are superior because you are in college not working, and that practical knowledge isn't itself a type of intellectualism. It is. This ignorance is the root of this allergy which is so widespread these days. It's spreading. I wonder if it is contagious. I think I'm going to avoid breathing the stifling, allergy-laden air. Perhaps you'll see me wearing a mask over my mouth and nose. Perhaps you'll see me down at the Kleen Scene — perhaps not. Now I have access to my own washer and dryer.

*Nathan Leslie is a senior English and philosophy major and editor of the *Polemicon*.*

important thing is that we start campaigning now. In order to win with no qualifications and a platform based on absolutely nothing, you need some pretty snazzy posters.

Actually, this is fairly serious. The elected positions at this school are important. They are our last line of defense against an administration that makes those Watergate guys look like they had no idea what they could have gotten away with if they had tried.

Honestly, Jeremy probably shouldn't be in an office of any kind, but we are going to try our damndest

to get him elected to something just to prove it can be done. Makes you wonder who out there just isn't touting up to the truth, doesn't it?

Our official "Friends of Jeremy" motto: "If we advertise, they will vote like deer caught in the headlights of our machine-like campaign."

We are now personally guaranteeing the most extravagant campaign in MWC history. So until next time, "Vote for Jeremy Cline; we'll be glad that you did."

*Adam Fike and Jeremy Cline are sophomores.*

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for the Student Association Executive Cabinet.

Jeremy who? Right you are, and that's our point. Jeremy Cline is possibly the most underqualified candidate in the illustrious history of this fine institution. We're talking blank resume here. We don't think that this will matter.

So now it is time for us to formally declare Jeremy's candidacy for a position to be named later, probably something really big. The position isn't important because, you see, he is qualified for none of them. The

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Thomas by naming a dorm after him. However, I think it should be pointed out that, though this may be the most significant acknowledgment he has received, it would not be, as Mr. Ornstein puts it, "the first step in putting Thomas in his proper historical perspective."

Len, I invite you to contact me at Box 1853 if you have any interesting tidbits that I could add to my nomination, or if you'd just like to know a little more about the place Thomas was from.

Laura Edwards  
senior

## Incense Incident Burns Under Collar

Dean Beck's decision to incriminate those caught burning incense and attempt to expel them is the most ludicrous decision I've ever heard that this college make. This college is so conservative that it's pathetic. Dean Beck and the administration's obvious paranoia about marijuana smoking is out of place and completely unnecessary. Perhaps the worst factor of all is that they cover up this marijuana phobia with an attempt to deceive the student body into thinking they did it in fear of fire hazard.

Why doesn't this college break out of the 1970s? Certainly incense has been used and may continue to be used to cover the smell of marijuana smoke. Yet for one thing, anyone who has ever smelled marijuana smoke knows that one can smell it over incense if at close range. Also, many people simply want to burn incense to produce a pleasant smell in their room. (Many stores sell incense

under the euphemism "airfreshener.") I'm sorry, but we're all over 18—we can smoke, live on our own and make our own decisions. Yet we cannot burn incense? Because the college is absolutely certain that it is only used to cover the smell of marijuana? Um, what's wrong with this picture?

My final, most unbiased and most logical argument is quite simple: cigarette smoking is simply many times more dangerous in reference to fire hazards than incense burning. I myself can speak from experience as a former heavy smoker. For one, most often, incense is left in one place throughout its duration while cigarettes are held, waved, inhaled, played with, set down, forgotten about, used more often and ashed. For another thing, if incense is laid on a piece of paper, it will most often not even burn the paper. Cigarettes, on the other hand, will nearly always burn in some way anything they are laid directly upon.

Therefore, the school's claim that incense burning is a fire hazard is, at the very least, totally inconsistent with their smoking policy. That is not to say the administration should tighten their already viselike smoking regulations; rather, they should make an attempt to tell the student body the truth instead of blatantly lying to make themselves look fair and not ultra-conservative like they really are.

And to the two roommates who were innocently burning incense and are now being treated by the administration as if they were caught killing stray animals in their room: I feel for you.

Leigh Buckley Fountain  
sophomore

We are writing to say that we feel misrepresented by Jennifer Brown's article "British Students Accent Campus Life At MWC" in the Sept. 7 issue. The article gave the impression that we are fixated with crossing the road, gaining American accents and that we are finding the work tough.

We did not say that the courses at MWC are difficult but that they are different. Whilst at Kingston University we follow a set programme, we find it a pleasant alternative to be offered a choice of courses here where we are able to follow up personal interests. We have found that we are expected to read up to eight novels/other texts for various courses here. However the four or so novels studied for a typical literature course at Kingston are studied in much greater depth, discussion of the text being an important element of the course.

What has not been made clear in Miss Brown's article is the warm welcome we have received at MWC, that we have all made many new friends and that we are enjoying immensely the opportunity of living and studying in another country, an experience that will stay in our memories and we will take with us into our future teaching careers.

Finally, although it may be journalistic tradition to call people by their last names, we prefer to be known by our Christian names as we are a friendly bunch of people!

Angela Cullen, Emma Hammond, Becky Large, Tracy Lewis, Liz Morell and Neeraj Tewari  
British international exchange students

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withholding of food to make this positive reinforcement most effective), circus animals learn to do unnatural or painful acts out of fear.

And if you look closely, you can see the fear and the signs of stress. The repetitive motions, the swaying, the pacing, actions not unlike our own in distress. Why protest the circus? That's easy — the animals forced to perform in a circus are "abused" even in the best possible circumstances. And is this suffering necessary? Owners of the Pickle Family Circus based in San Francisco think not — this innovative circus creates pageantry and excitement with no animal acts.

Each of us by our actions supports such innovation and compassion, or underwrites traditional circus cruelty — in the final analysis, the circus is a profit-seeking entity. Our willingness to speak out against animal acts and to spend or withhold our dollars is power. Only two cars left the circus last week in response to the protest; then the circus moved on to the next town. An accountant would regard the two cars which left as an immaterial effect on income (this year); but an activist views those two cars as a sign of hope. This needless cruelty can end, and will end, if only enough people just turn around.

*Patricia Mazier is an associate professor of business administration and president of the Fredericksburg chapter of the SPCA.*

## Class Council Works Hard To Make College Fun

Sonya Peyton  
Class Council President

Recently there was an article in the Bulletin which asked the yearly question: "Why doesn't Class Council play a more active role in the student body, via voicing opinions on controversial issues?"

Class Council's goal is to plan and sponsor the traditional events of our campus. We argue with vendors, decorating companies, etc. and not the administration. There are 16 class officers, four per class and four members (voted from within) who serve as an executive board. We are responsible for 11 events during the school year. This does not even include all of the individual activities which accompany Junior Ring Week and Grad Week! We do not represent our classes on issues; that is a function of our student senators.

However, we have been asked to sit on the Student Association Executive Board for this year on a trial basis starting in October. We have welcomed the opportunity. Class Council members work very hard but are rarely recognized. But that's the catch — you do not run for Class Council just for the fame

or it. Being a member means decorating until the early hours of the morning before an event, staying to help clean-up after everyone else has long ago hung up their dancing shoes, re-doing a contract for Cedric's approval and/or running to Giant for six-packs of sodas when Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola failed to deliver your order.

We also have to answer questions as to why more Boat Cruise tickets are not available. In order to keep ticket costs down, we cannot book a boat larger than one which holds approximately 300 passengers. To give you a quick break down of the figures, Class Council spends approximately \$10,000 each year for a 300-passenger boat; upgrading to 600-passenger boat would double the costs.

It's not a bed of roses, but it is a position we chose to run for. Your Class Council officers are willing to take your ideas and implement them for events. You can stop by our office, next to the Student Association, in the Campus Center and leave a note on our board.

*Sonya Peyton is the Class Council President and the Senior Class Presidents. She is a senior English major.*

## Ask Dr. C

Dear Dr. C:

*I have heard that women are especially vulnerable to eating disorders and depression. Are there any psychological problems that occur more with men?*

Masculine Man from Mason

Dear M. M. from M.:

Yes, there are. Males experience a disproportionate number of childhood disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder and Conduct Disorder (males make up the majority of juvenile delinquents), the majority of In

addition people with substance abuse, compulsive gambling and other kinds of behavior control problems are mostly male. Men also commit close to 90 percent of all violent crimes. By the way, married men as a group report fewer psychological symptoms than single men.

Probably the most serious mental health problem for men is suicide. Across the life span, males commit suicide three times more often than females. In adolescence, females represent 80 percent of the suicide attempt, while males represent 90 percent of completed suicides. Elderly men commit suicide nine times more often than elderly women.

The alarming amount of male suicide is often attributed to the traditionally masculine role. Men in this culture are expected to be hyper independent, to never admit vulnerability or ask for help, and to keep their feelings to themselves. Deeply depressed men often feel very alone with their pain and don't often have many tools to deal with it.

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# FEATURES



Shannon Kroeger gives an animated tour to prospective freshmen and their parents.

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## Class of 1997 Makes The Grade

### Freshmen Have Higher Scores, More Activities, Men, Minorities

By Amber M. Auld  
Special to the Bullet

The low number of high school students graduating in 1993 led many college admissions directors to expect smaller freshmen classes.

But at MWC, the class of 1997 is the largest ever admitted.

Size is just one aspect that makes the freshmen class so unique. The 756 students admitted to MWC this year represent a variety of different talents and backgrounds, and, according to the Office of Admissions, is the best class that has ever entered MWC.

Dodd Terry, a recent graduate of MWC who is now a counselor with the Office of Admissions, said, "This is a strong class, both

in size and academically. What's unique about this class, I think, is their great involvement in extracurricular activities. That's what I find most impressive."

Because over 4,000 students applied for approximately 700 spots in the class of 1997, the Office of Admissions looks at all aspects of a prospective student's high school performance when they considered each application.

Academically, grade point averages and SAT statistics are on the rise, in part because higher quality students are applying to MWC. The mean GPA for current enrolled freshmen is 3.5, with SAT scores averaging between 1030-1180.

Vice President of Admissions and Financial Aid Martin Wilder sees the

quality of this class as part of an ongoing pattern of the type of students applying to the college.

Wilder said, "Our students have always been wonderful. This class is a continuation of a trend of the college attracting very strong students."

In addition to their academic achievements, the freshman class was involved with many extracurricular activities in their high schools, such as community service, National Honor Society, music, and varsity sports.

"A fine student body is excellent not only in the classroom, but the way they conduct themselves outside the classroom," said Terry.

MWC offered 140 students early decision this year, 16 more students than last year. The college also offered honors admission to 218 students in

the freshman class, an increase of 24 students from last year. Both special admission plans require students to have even stronger applications.

The middle 50 percent of students offered honors admission had combined SAT scores between 1110-1230, and their average high school grade point average was 3.73.

Wilder believes these numbers indicate the high quality of high school graduates who applied to MWC this year.

"What it reflects is the quality of the applicant pool. There are more honors-caliber students in the applicant pool this year than last

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## Foreign Language Coordinators Help MWC Students Become Smooth Talkers

By Alicia Bartol  
Special to the Bullet

The six British women studying here this semester from Kingston University aren't the only foreigners experiencing America for the first time through life at MWC.

And like the British students, Fabio Centurioni, an Italian student, has found that American schools are much different than his university in Europe.

But attending classes is not all Centurioni does at MWC. He is a teachers' assistant and language coordinator for the modern foreign languages department.

"In Italy, we don't have to take mid-terms or do homework, and it is not so important to participate," Centurioni said.

This year, as in years past, MWC has employed several foreign students as teachers' assistants and language coordinators for the foreign language department. In general, these students live in the foreign language special interest houses and have the option whether or not they want to take classes at MWC.

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"I won a scholarship as the consequence of an exchange program between my university and MWC," Centurioni said.

Centurioni, who has only been here three weeks, has already met most of the students who are studying Italian. "They come to me for help with translating, homework...they ask me everything," he said.

Alexandra Kuderer, the language coordinator who lives in Tyler Hall, the German foreign language residence hall, enjoys working with the six German students in her house. "The basic thing is that I serve as a model for the language, and help the students talk, and give them the possibility to talk," said Kuderer.

Kuderer does her job well, according to sophomore Heidi Patterson, a resident of Tyler Hall. "Alex sort of acts

like a mother as far as the language is concerned," Patterson said. "She keeps you in line, because she's around you 24 hours a day, and she knows your faults and where to correct you. It's helpful."

Sophomore Zane Cimermanis agreed. "If you can't study abroad, it's particularly good," he said. "You can see the idiosyncrasies of the culture. While we are discreet and going to the bathroom, the Germans say, 'I'm going to the toilet!' It's good for a laugh."

But it's not all fun and games for the exchange students. Getting settled at MWC has been trying at times. "During the first week, I've been very busy with the bureaucracy," Centurioni said. The Seacobock scanner would not accept his identification card during mealtimes, and he ended up getting four different cards made before one worked.

Kuderer had similar problems with her ID, post office box, and, registering for classes. Many of the language assistants and coordinators take classes, but they are far different from what the Europeans are used to.

Alex Gallant, the French language coordinator, does not take classes, but, like Centurioni, notices the difference between European and American schools.

"You do not have as many classes as we have in France, but you have more homework than us, and we don't have to read books," said Gallant.

European schooling may sound like paradise to students sweating through difficult curriculums, but MWC has a few things that the Europeans do not. "I never expected such professionalism, such friendship," Centurioni said. "They [professors] are very professional; and in Italy, you can't have personal conversations with them."

Kuderer added, "The atmosphere with [professors] is more friendly. A German professor would never ask you if you had a nice summer."

Centurioni said that he enjoys American sports at MWC as well. "Another thing I appreciate here is that Americans play a lot of different sports at a very professional level...even the girls. The American girls play much better soccer than the Italian girls," he said.

According to Centurioni, this makes a position statement not only about MWC but about America in general. "It reflects the importance of women, an emancipation much more so than in Italy," he said.

## MWC Grads Delete Computer Illiteracy

By Jennifer Brown  
Bullet Staff Writer

Students had over 150 students and was so well-received that this year MWC has hired them to teach a class two nights a week.

Sophomore Catherine Shelton attended a Students 4 Students class during the fall semester last year because she had no previous experience with computers. "There were so many people that there were two to a computer and some people had to stand. [Krisko and Wharam] knew what they were doing, but they didn't expect so many people," Shelton said.

Wharam emphasized the fact that many students like Shelton welcome introductory guidance to computers because they often do not get training in high school. "A lot of students may come to Mary Washington and leave Mary Washington without computer skills," Wharam said.

John Reynolds, chairperson of the computer science department, disagreed.

"A lot more students coming to Mary Washington have this background from high school," Reynolds said, although he feels that Students 4 Students is a good program for those who have not had any computer experience.

Martin said that the college decided to have free classes for students because, due to the reduction in adjunct professors in the computer science department, introductory level computer courses are not being taught this year.

Reynolds said that Introduction to Computer Science is still being taught, but Computer Themes and Applications, which teaches DOS and WordPerfect, is not taught on a regular basis.

"Many students wanted the hands-on stuff, but weren't really interested in the background to computers," Reynolds said.

"If you're trying to give a kid a particular skill, they don't need three hours credit to get it," Reynolds said, adding that many departments at MWC have computers and are teaching their students the basic computer skills.

"The computer courses take a semester," Martin said, agreeing with Reynolds.

To their surprise, Students 4

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Eileen Heffern/Bullet  
The Central Virginia Housing Coalition readies for the Rappahannock Duck Race.

# SPORTS

## Sports Briefs

### Field Hockey Stays Undefeated

Capturing the Salisbury State Sunfest Tournament with a 1-0 victory over Salisbury State in the finals, the women's field hockey team defeated last year's third-ranked team in the nation. **MWC** 1 Junior midfielder **Salisbury State** 0 Leslie Pashinski's penalty stroke with 1:41 left in the game, proved to be the winning goal. MWC advanced to the finals with victories over Oneonta State, 2-1, and College of Wooster 4-0.

Through the first six games of the season, the Eagles have outscored their opponents 13-1 with five shutouts. The women's field hockey team has an undefeated record of 6-0.

### Cross Country Teams Win

In the rain and mud on Saturday morning, the MWC women's and men's cross country teams both won their respective meets at the Battleground.

The men captured the top five places in their meet as they finished with 15 points compared to Washington and Lee's 48. Laura Douglas finished second in the meet for the MWC women as they tallied 27 points, Washington and Lee had 30 and Shepherd 82.

### Women 0-1-1 at Trenton Classic

**Stockton State** 1 Laura Duffy scored **MWC** 1 an unassisted goal in overtime at the 117:58 mark to salvage the tie against Stockton State.

**Trenton State** 2 The women's soccer **MWC** 0 team was outshot 27-12, as goalkeeper Amy Wilvert recorded 18 saves against the second-ranked team in the nation.

### Upcoming Athletic Events

Sept. 21 Women's Soccer vs. Catholic University at the Battleground, 4 p.m.  
**Sept. 22** Men's Soccer at Christopher Newport University, 4 p.m.  
 Field Hockey at Frostburg State University, 4:30 p.m.  
**Sept. 23** Women's Tennis at Catholic University, 3 p.m.  
**Sept. 24-26** Women's Tennis at Eastern States Collegiate Tournament, Princeton, N.J., 8 a.m.  
**Sept. 25** Field Hockey at York College, 1 p.m.  
 Baseball at Prince George's Comm. Coll. at 12 p.m.  
**Sept. 26** Men's Soccer at Marymount University at 1 p.m.  
 Baseball at University of Richmond, 1 p.m.  
 Women's Soccer at Randolph-Macon College, 4 p.m.  
**Sept. 29** Men's Soccer vs. St. Mary's College, at the Battleground, 4 p.m.  
**Sept. 30** Women's Soccer vs. Washington and Lee University, at the Battleground, 4 p.m.  
 Field Hockey at Eastern Mennonite College, 7 p.m.  
**Oct. 1-3** ITA/Rolex Tournament at MWC, 8 a.m.  
**Oct. 2** Men's Soccer Alumni Game, at the Battleground, 3 p.m.  
 Women's Soccer vs. Trinity University, at the Battleground, 1 p.m.  
 Field Hockey Alumni Game, at the Battleground, 12 p.m.  
 Baseball vs. Bridgewater College, TBA  
 Cross Country at Methodist Invitational  
**Oct. 3** Women's Soccer Alumni Game, at the Battleground, TBA  
 Baseball at Randolph-Macon College 1 p.m.

### New Sports Hotline

A new "Athletic Hotline" for updated scores and schedule information for Mary Washington College athletics can be obtained by calling 899-4491. Calls for the Sports Information Office should continue to go to the previous number of 899-4378.

## Eagles Take Tourney

By Rob Moore  
 Bullet Staff Writer

Despite the back-to-back 30 win seasons, the ECAC Tournament appearances, and the first-ever NCAA Tournament bid, one thing has eluded Dee Conway in her six seasons as head coach of the Mary Washington College volleyball team. Her teams have never won their own tournament, the MWC Invitational.

Until now.

Though they were without senior tri-captain Jo Ondrusch, Conway's Eagles rolled to three wins in four games in Goolrick Gym on Sept. 18.

The victories raise MWC's season record to 6-3 overall.

"It was cool to win it for the three seniors, for who wasn't here, and for Coach," said sophomore Angie Long, whose exuberant play sparked the tournament clincher over Chowan College.

Another of the Eagles' younger players, freshman hitter Sarah Burgess, keyed the wins over Salisbury State and Eastern Mennonite College with 28 digs and several timely kills and blocks.

"I just decided to start killing it," said Burgess of her home debut. "I'm still not used to four teams playing at once. I'm getting used to the noise."

Following the only loss in the tournament, which was to Greensboro College, Conway was still upbeat. Though all the Eagles had to do was defeat Chowan in the final game to win the title, she said, "I still wanted them all. I mean who wrote that you can't have it all, huh?"

The loss to Greensboro avenged an earlier win by MWC, who defeated the Hornets in Greensboro's home tournament last weekend. This early in the season, Conway's team is still very much a work in progress.



File Photo

### Wilson, 20, and Norford were both named All-MWC Invitational.

progress. "We're still trying to get a feel for one another on the court and we're very young," she said. "We're just now starting to gel and get our proper positioning on defense."

Four underclassmen are playing prominent roles so far for MWC: Long, Burgess, sophomore Melissa Dowell, and freshman Julia Bartlett.

Senior setter Jay Wilson, who joined senior Maria Norford on the All-MWC Invitational team, said the team's youth has led to nervousness in the first few games this year.

"We're also prone to mental lapses.

Some of the young players will make a mistake and get down on themselves for it, which just leads to another mistake, and it just feeds on itself," said Conway.

"I want us to be the kind of team that works through all that," said Conway. "I want us to be able to come back from 14-0 if we have to."

Conway knows something about coming from behind. Her first two seasons at MWC were marked by growing pains and a 21-50 record.

However, in the last four seasons the

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## Men's Soccer Drowned By Va. Wesleyan

By Bryan Tucker  
 Bullet Staff Writer

In a physical confrontation between two heated rivals, the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins defeated the Eagle men's soccer team, 2-1 in overtime, on a rainy Thursday afternoon at the Battleground.

"I thought we controlled the game, but we let it get away from us," said junior midfielder Andy McDonald.

Virginia Wesleyan's fullback Che' Clark's direct kick from 35 yards out rocketed past diving Eagle's goalkeeper Ryan Wilvert to provide the winning margin for the Marlins. The goal took place 1:28 into the second period of the two 15-minute overtime periods.

The Eagles could not make a comeback in overtime as they did in regulation. Virginia Wesleyan struck first, scoring off a direct kick outside the penalty box. Marlin midfielder Mike Duffy lofted a ball into the box enabling Darryl Sullivan to jump the Eagle defense and head the ball over Wilvert, making the score 1-0.

"We commit mistakes that put us down a goal and it keeps on making us have to come back, but this time we could not come back," said Roy Gordon, coach of the men's soccer team.



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However, with 3:58 left in the game the Eagles scored to force overtime. MWC senior fullback John Lee kicked a ball upfield which bounced in the penalty box and caused the goalie to come out, but junior forward David Holt headed the ball over VW goalie's head. McDonald outraced a Marlin fullback to the ball, pounding it into the empty net to make the score 1-1.

Both teams had numerous scoring opportunities in the scoreless first half and in the entire game. The Eagles got the Marlin goalie out of position twice, leaving an empty net. On both of the follow-up shots, a Marlin fullback came out of nowhere to knock the ball out of the goalcrease. Virginia Wesleyan had a wide-open net in the second half, but still managed to miss the easy shot.

"We played well enough to win, but we did not capitalize on our goal-scoring chances," said Gordon.

MWC had 20 shots on goal and 12 corner kicks to the Marlins' 21 shots on goal and five corner kicks. Wilvert recorded seven saves in the contest.

Virginia Wesleyan and MWC have combined to win the last five Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association tournaments, with MWC winning 2-0 in the semi-finals against the Marlins last year. Before Thursday's game, the Eagles were ranked third in the NCAA south region.

riding a three-game winning streak.

In Saturday's action, the Eagles shut out an opponent for the first time this season as the MWC men's soccer team pounced on Goucher, 6-0, in its Capital Athletic Conference opener at the Battleground.

Wilvert faced only four shots all afternoon, as MWC blazed 35 shots at the Goucher goal. Sophomore midfielder Caz Yasutis paced the men's soccer team with two goals, but the story was junior midfielder Tommy Walthall's four assists, as he assisted on each of the Eagles' first four goals. Other goal scorers were junior fullback Rich Linkonis, sophomore forward Gustavo Rodriguez, Holt, and senior forward Billy Hallock.

"It's now up to the players to maintain intensity and to not put ourselves behind the eight-ball," said Gordon.

Leading scorers for this year's team are junior midfielder Tommy Walthall with 15 points (four goals, seven assists), McDonald with nine points (four goals, one assist), and senior forward Billy Hallock with six points (three goals). Walthall and McDonald are 1-2 in the Capital Athletic Conference in points. The Eagle's record is now 4-2-1.

"The team is looking good and we have confidence. By the end of the season, hopefully we will be where we want to be [at Nationals]," said McDonald.

## Director Adds Kick To Recreation

By David Carey  
 Bullet Assistant Sports Editor

Originally from a small town in Canada, John MacDonald, the new director of campus recreation, wanted to find a similar atmosphere for his newly-born daughter to grow up in. MacDonald felt that Mary Washington College and the Fredericksburg area would provide that atmosphere.

"I would rather a smaller campus, it's a closer knit group," said MacDonald.

With a vacant spot in Mary Washington's intramural program available, MacDonald seized the opportunity. He left his spot at Northwestern University in Chicago, and headed to Mary Washington.

At MWC, MacDonald is seeing what he can do to get more students involved with the intramurals program.

"What I would like to do eventually is get more involved with the residence halls and other groups on campus, which will bring out more students," said MacDonald.

Although he sees no great changes ahead, MacDonald would like to offer some sports that have never been available at MWC and see if they draw a wider variety of people. At his first campus recreation job at Northwestern University, there were many more intramural sports offered there than there are here. MacDonald talked about a floor hockey league as one option.

"One of our biggest sports at Northwestern was floor hockey, which might be something I'd like to try, because it was very popular," said MacDonald.

"I would love to see intramural hockey offered here, I think it would be a lot of fun," said sophomore Steven Carhart.

Currently the recreation department is offering flag football and volleyball as its two early fall sports, which have been annual sports at MWC. MacDonald wants to wait a semester to see how everything is run before making any changes within the department.

"MacDonald has a lot of great ideas, like a bench-press contest. A lot of people work out at the school and this would be a lot of fun," said Program Supervisor Scott Patric. "He's also talked about getting some

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year," Wilder said.

The class of 1997 also stands out in the percentage of males enrolled. This year, the number of males in the freshman class is 36 percent, an increase from last year's freshman class which was 32-33 percent male.

Wilder attributes this increase to the greater number of men who applied to the college this year.

"The way you increase the number of any category of students in a freshman class is to increase the number of applicants," said Wilder.

Freshman Jonathan Wilkinson said the difference in numbers between men and women has not been noticeable.

"Most of my classes seem to have a few more girls, but it doesn't seem like it's one guy and thirty girls," Wilkinson said.

Ethnic minorities make up 12 percent of the freshmen class this year. While the percentage is the same as for last year's class, the higher number of freshmen means there are more minorities in the class of 1997.

Terry said, "We are trying to increase minority student enrollment, be it African-American, Asian or Hispanic. Diversity and quality are two of our goals, and diversity is one of the aspects of quality."

The college uses many programs to try to attract minority students. David White, assistant dean of admissions, said he sees these programs working.

"We had black freshman weekend last year, and this year we're looking to possibly expanding that to a Student of Color weekend when we invite African-Americans, as well as Asian-Americans and Hispanic-Americans to the campus. That would possibly draw fifty already accepted students to the campus for a weekend, hopefully during the Multicultural Fair," said White.

White believes that MWC does not draw as many minorities as some other colleges because it lacks some features which minority students look for in a school.

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by the Fredericksburg area. "I came and visited this campus and I fell in love with it. I like Fredericksburg, it really feels like a real community," Conner said.

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Eagles have compiled a sparkling 12-31 mark, including a 20-2 home record.

One of the stars in that four-year run was Tamalyn Reed, who graduated last year.

"As a senior, I miss Tamalyn," said Wilson. "I knew where her approaches were coming from."

"Everyone's had to contribute to compensate for Tamalyn's loss," said Ondrusch. "We've all had to become better passers and leaders."

Even with Reed, Conway was somewhat disappointed with last season's performance. "We enjoyed winning the ECAC South Region title and if given a chance, we'll defend it. But we're not going to talk about championships. I'm not even going to talk about the next game."

Nervousness and mental lapses were painfully obvious in the loss to a much larger Greensboro squad, which features six players who are 5'9" or taller. MWC fell behind 8-0 in the first game before Conway called a timeout, though she later admitted, "It was already out of hand by then." In the second game, the Eagles stayed closer to the Hornets, but fell 15-10.

In the final game, MWC came roaring back against Chowan behind the crafty serving of Norford and junior Katie Eyster, the great passing of Wilson, and Long's manic hustle. After winning the first game 15-2, they jumped out to a commanding 9-1 advantage and won the second game 15-9, to take the tournament.

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businesses to sponsor our events, so we could give out prizes."

Prior to his job at Northwestern, MacDonald earned his degree in physical education at Dalhousie College, where he played varsity soccer. MacDonald went on to work for the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association for two years, where he was the development coordinator for the Elite Athletes Program.

MacDonald also worked as the physical education director for the Boys' Club in Dallas. After that,

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"Mary Washington College doesn't have a Greek system, and that's usually a big draw, especially for African-American students. The Greek system has a number of black fraternities and sororities which students really feel that they want to be part of," White said.

The number of out-of-state students increased slightly this year, from 31 percent to 32 percent. There are 29 states in addition to Virginia and four foreign countries represented in this year's freshman class.

The reputation of the college plays an important role in attracting students.

"This college is continuing to grow in prominence nationally, it's growing in prestige, and growing in awareness from the public. More and more people are finding out about the college, and all of these national publications that provide rankings and ratings of colleges, they get read," said Wilder.

Terry believes MWC has many special qualities which attract good students.

"First and foremost is the strong academics," said Terry. But the presence of the honor system and the friendly atmosphere on campus are also big draws.

Freshman Edwin Johnson said, "I had been coming to this college for James Farmer Scholars since I was in the eighth grade. I really decided to go here because it had a high standard of academics."

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Fredericksburg residents came out to support the Rappahannock Duck Race last Sat.

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Reynolds. "What these people need is a way to produce a paper in a week."

The Students 4 Students class is held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the business department's computer lab. After attending this three hour class, students should know how to create documents, create footnotes and endnotes, use the spell checker and thesaurus, format disks and copy files in WordPerfect 5.1, and learn basic DOS commands.

Wharam added that they also teach students how to put information in columns and use graphics, which can enhance the look of a paper. Each student is given a 50-page manual containing all of the information that was taught in the class for future reference.

Junior Holly Hodges said, "I didn't know a thing. I had never used WordPerfect before. It was nice to find someone to teach me how. They showed me how to do WordPerfect commands and how to use the printers like the Trinkle. I think I learned enough to use the computers here."

Martin, Krisko, and Wharam are willing to add more nights of classes if the interest is large enough. If the class turns out to be popular with students again this year, MWC will consider hiring other teachers, which would either be students or people in the area who have computer experience.

"I would like to see it filter down to our students," Martin said, explaining that in the future, she would like to see MWC students teaching similar computer classes.

Meanwhile, Students 4 Students is just one of many computer jobs that Krisko and Wharam currently have. After graduating, they started another business called Business Computer Solutions, an independent computer contracting company.

"[Students 4 Students] pretty much changed my whole life," Wharam said. "If I hadn't gotten into Students 4 Students, I don't know what I'd be doing."

Students who are interested in signing up should contact Carol Martin in computer resources at x4712.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Steve's House Unites Body And Soul

By Michelle Bowman  
Bullet Entertainment Editor

Imagine a billboard advertising a dance performance with only a splash of color, a date, time and location. Something like Friday, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m. in Goolrick, room 5.

There is no hype, no exclamatory review and no command to check out the work. This was the vision behind Steve's House Dance Collective imagined by Ray Elliot Schwartz, the company's director.

"It is a place where the work is what's important rather than the egos," Schwartz said.

Steve's House has been performing throughout Virginia over the past year. The company consists of a core group of people who work together to present ideas, dances, poetry, music and storytelling. This Friday these diverse artists will present "The Vineyard and Other Intoxications," an informal evening of dance, music, poetry and performance art.

"The Vineyard" is a rather epic sort of event, meaning that there are a lot of people involved and there are some real attempts to integrate more than just dancing inside of the work," Schwartz said.

Steve's House is striving to break away from so many of the standard philosophies and ideas about dance. According to Schwartz, they see artists as the visionaries or the dreamers of our culture who are fighting the mentality of "this is mine, this is yours, stay away from mine."

"This particular dream of Steve's House Dance Collective is really a dream of community and real communal ownership," Schwartz said.

With this philosophy in mind, the seating arrangements (sitting on the floor with pillows) are appropriate. The experience is informal and people are free to walk around and even carry on conversation. Schwartz brought this idea back from Asia where he studied for a year. Viewing art in Asia is not a major endeavor as it is in the United States, he said.



Photo Courtesy of Steve's House Dance Collection

"[In Asia] it doesn't seem like you're dragging yourself away from the comforts of your beautiful home with your beautiful TV and beautiful video tape machine and your liquor, all the things that seem to inhibit people from spending any time together," he said.

The technical side of the Collective's development centers on modern dance which started in the 1920s. According to Schwartz, it fulfilled a need in the dance world that ballet, jazz and tap could not. Ballet is an ethereal form, jazz gets in touch with the primal sense, and tap is about rhythm. None of these relate to the inner part of the body.

"Modern Dance was created in the early twenties because there was a real concern that the body and soul were not getting enough time together, and we wanted

them to hang out and get to know each other again," Schwartz said.

Schwartz relates to dance in a spiritual way and sees a logical correlation between dance and religion, his major and minor respectively at VCU. Historically speaking, people started to dance because they had a spiritual need to express something. Schwartz even spoke in parables as he talked about his commitment to dance.

"You have to till your soil, you have to plant your seeds, you have to make sure things don't get destroyed and then you have to reap your harvest and then your food only lasts so long and you have to start the whole process again," he said.

Schwartz also relates to dance in a passionate way.

He said he has a love/hate relationship with his art form, because he has moments of feeling crowded and moments of being swept away.

"I think dance certainly has a lot of the same qualities that I would find in a lover," Schwartz said.

His whole life has been about finding new ways to keep falling in love. The creation of the Collective has enabled Schwartz to express himself in a variety of ways. This latest project features "The Vineyard" as the centerpiece of the evening. It is a Gothic movement-theatre work which addresses issues of yearning, loss, community and forgiveness. The "Other Intoxications"

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## Creative Reading Brings Writers To Merriman's

By Eric Edwards  
Bullet Staff Writer

Last spring, Steve Watkins, assistant professor of English at Mary Washington College and Eric Axelson, a 5th year senior English major, decided that Fredericksburg could stand exposure to some creative writing.

"We wanted a venue for creative writing, for some of the area's more accomplished writers," Watkins said.

After perusing the local bar scene for a suitable atmosphere in which to showcase local talent, they decided upon Merriman's, a restaurant and bar at 715 Caroline St. The bar is in the rear of the restaurant, and was selected for its sound system, and its elevated floor that can serve as a stage for the readings.

"Dr. Watkins and I were talking last spring, about how there was no local poetry reading group," Axelson said, "so we just went bar-hopping to find where the best place to meet would be."

Joe Merriman, the proprietor of the restaurant, wasn't clear on the technical details of the deal, but said Watkins and Axelson approached him, inquiring about the use of his facilities. Merriman said "yes," but put some time limits on the agreement.

"They can have the space between 8 and 9:30 p.m., but the bar shifts gears at 9:30 and people will want to hear music," Merriman said.

The Hidden Fox and Other Mysteries, a bookstore on Princess Anne Street, also advertises poetry and prose readings on the weekends, but Kate Hamilton, co-owner, described it as an open forum in which anyone may read and critique. At Merriman's, participation is limited to those invited to read.

"We have got a mix of students and faculty as well as members of the community reading," Watkins said.

The reading schedule is set for a number of weeks. The opening night will feature Axelson and senior Kim Stoker, the reading schedule is set for a number of weeks. The opening night will feature Axelson and senior Kim Stoker,

see READINGS, page 10

### Merriman's Reading Schedule

- \* Sept. 28 - Eric Axelson, Kim Stoker, Steve Watkins
- \* Oct. 5 - Shelby Driskill, W. Brown Morton III, Ron Miller
- FALL BREAK
- \* Oct. 19 - Andrea Holland, Genine Lentine, Don Glover
- \* Oct. 26 - Dan Dervin, Nathan Leslie, Jeff Stein



## Margaret Cho

Margaret Cho, comedian, will be appearing in Dodd Auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1 for MWC students and \$3 for the general public. Cho has appeared on "The Arsenio Hall Show," "The Dennis Miller Show," "An Evening at the Improv," and MTV's "Comickaze." She will also be appearing in the new Geena Davis movie, "Angie, I Says."

## Hacky Sack/Frisbee Festival

SA Entertainment will be sponsoring a Hacky Sack/Frisbee Festival featuring Fredericksburg's Ultimate Frisbee team, the Mothers. The event will take place in Ball Circle on Saturday, Sept. 25 between noon and 4p.m. There will be demonstrations of Ultimate, MTA (maximum time aloft), Distance, Guts, and Disc Golf. Attendants will be involved in a "hands-on" session following the demonstration. FREE discs and hacky sacks will be distributed courtesy of Wham-O Inc.

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"In Heaven there is No Beer" Sunday, Sept. 26 Trinkle 204 6p.m. FREE.

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## Dollar Days at Dodd

"Scent of a Woman" Friday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
"Memphis Belle" Sunday, Sept. 26 at 9:30 p.m.

## Area Concerts

Belly with radiohead  
Friday, Oct. 1 Ritchie Colliseum  
U of Maryland

Cypress Hill and House of Pain  
with Funkdoobiest and Whooliganz  
Sunday, Oct. 3 GWU Smith Center

Carrot Top Monday and Tuesday Oct. 11 and 12 The Improv  
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Oct. 12 Nightclub 9:30

Suede, the Cranberries and Counting Crows Tuesday, Oct. 12 WUST  
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## Symphony Premieres Oct. 5

By Michelle Bowman  
Bullet Entertainment Editor

Beethoven will come to life in Dodd Auditorium Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 8:15 p.m. when the Mary Washington College Community Symphony Orchestra, featuring the Kayser Trio, presents their premiere performance.

The visiting artists, the Kayser Trio, consist of Glenn Flisbach, cellist, Eva Maria Alexandria, pianist, and Leonid Shashansky, violinist. Shashansky, a native of Russia who came to the United States in the 1970s, is currently teaching violin classes at MWC. James Baker, conductor of MWC's orchestra, said Shashansky is a budding concert violinist.

The orchestra will be performing six selections including the Beethoven Concerto, Frescobaldi Toccata and Prelude to Meister Singers.

"This is a fairly ambitious undertaking for a first concert.

It was originally prepared for April but was moved up because of recital commitments Shashansky had," Baker said.

Coming into the new year, Baker had no idea what to expect of the new students coming in. He said that 25 percent of the orchestra is made up of new people, mostly freshmen, but some from the community.

"It's the first time we've had that much of a change but it's worked out rather well," Baker said.

Junior Jennifer Dalmas, violinist, said that this concert is the best they have ever done at MWC. She likes that each of the members of the trio will be playing a movement of the Beethoven Concerto, then they will all come together for the Triplets.

"It's going to be a really exciting program," she said. "It will all be really fresh because you'll be watching a bunch of different things instead of just one person doing a solo for 30 minutes."

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2."I Held Her in My Arms" Violent Femmes (Slash)	7."Servitude" Fishbone (Columbia)
3."Break It Down Again" Tears For Fears (Virgin)	8."Push" Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic)
4."Cannonball" The Breeders (4AD/Elektra)	9."Slam" Onyx (Chaos)
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35-16. That is all I have to say!  
-Mel

Tozer-  
Nice hat, where ever did you get it?  
-Charnesky

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-PAW

Ted and Laura-  
Congratulations! We are so happy for you!  
-Mike and Anne

Chris G.-  
Welcome back from Houston! I missed you very much. I promise I'll stop trying to escape....  
-Tucker D.

Michael Woodward-  
Happy anniversary!! Has it really been seven years?!! I've been having too much fun to notice!! Let's go to B&T an celebrate!! I love you with all my heart and always will.  
-Anne

Chris 201 girls-  
You need some B-boys to help you make some noise. So SLAM!  
-Matt

Custis 201-  
301 will haunt you forever!  
-Bonzo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DIANE!!!

Benzie-  
It's okay. They get better as time goes on. You just have to believe. But I do agree that men suck. Oh well,  
-Luv ya T.W.

Amber-  
You crazy woman you! We must do cappuccino real soon-  
Call, we'll tawk!  
-Colleen

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A.R.H. Programming	\$3,500.00	Inter-Club Association	\$625.00
Admissions Club	\$0	Italian Club	\$180.00
Amnesty International	\$0	Jolly Company	\$717.00
Anthropology Club	\$52.00	Martial Arts Club	\$140.00
Asian Student Association	\$1,198.81	Mathematical Association	\$72.00
Association of Residence Halls	\$500.00	Model United Nations Club	\$4,836.00
Aubade	\$6,000.00	MWC Finance Committee	\$47,316.19
Bacchus	\$600.00	Performing Arts Club	\$130.00
Battlefield	\$45,122.00	Philosophy Club	\$0
Biology Club	\$100.00	Poetry Reading	\$0
Black Student Association	\$3,090.00	Polemics	\$3,651.00
Bond	\$850.00	Pre-Law Society	\$100.00
Bullet	\$5,229.00	Pre-Med Club	\$0
Circle K	\$2,710.00	Preservation Club	\$1,435.00
Citizens of the World	\$189.00	Russian Club	\$175.00
Class Council	\$34,006.00	Society for Adv. Mgmt.	\$0
Commuting Student Assoc.	\$0	Society of Physics	\$100.00
Ecology Club	\$170.00	Speaker Fund	\$22,000.00
Economics Club	\$1,094.00	Student Association	\$10,379.00
Entertainment Committee	\$78,699.00	Student Education Association	\$185.00
Fencing Club	\$551.00	Terrapins	\$725.00
Film Committee	\$10,971.00	Trek Club	\$1,500.00
French Club	\$0	WMWC Radio	\$5,000.00
GLBSA	\$1,000.00	Wildlife Action Club	\$265.00
German Club	\$133.00	Women of Color	\$1,600.00
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Source: MWC Finance Committee

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OCTOBER 3, 1993: "PROFESSIONALISM IN THE OFFICE - PART I,"  
ELISHA HARRISON  
OCTOBER 24, 1993: "PROFESSIONALISM IN THE OFFICE - PART II,"  
WINNIE SULLIVAN  
NOVEMBER 7, 1993  
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DECEMBER 5, 1993  
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## MERCHEENT page 1

"I think that each of the three presidents I've worked under have, in their own way, contributed greatly to this institution," he said.

He credited Grellet Simpson, who was president from 1955 to 1974, for building a strong academic base. Merchant dubbed Prince Woodard, 1974-1983, the "administrator personified." Merchant said that William Anderson, who took command in 1983, has a talent for raising funds that has been unsurpassed.

Conrad Warlick, senior vice president for administrative and student affairs, described Merchant with one word: dependable.

Warlick said he remembered that about 20 years ago, Merchant fell off a ladder and broke his upper arms while painting his house. Despite his injury, Merchant was always accompanied by task that was assigned to him, Warlick said.

"Lesser men would have said, 'Let someone else travel. Let someone else do it.' Not Ray Merchant," said Warlick.

Many at the college also respect Merchant for his consideration of others.

Vicki Campbell, administrative staff assistant to the president, recalled being hospitalized for 10 days in 1987 because of a severe case of intestinal flu. During that time, she said, Merchant came to visit her two times a day every day. Campbell said Merchant also made sure that someone looked after her sons.

"That really endeared me to him," said Campbell, who described Merchant as "a true Southern gentleman."

Sherry Morgan, assistant director of personnel services, worked with Merchant from 1983 to 1987 as executive secretary and telecommunications coordinator. At that time, one of the responsibilities of Merchant's office was coordinating the administrative mail room. According to Morgan, because of the small staff, the mail room would become backed up often and Merchant would drop what he was doing and help out by sorting mail.

"He was the type of supervisor that

would just pitch in and help where he saw that help was needed," she said.

Merchant's colleagues say that he is a man who believes that there are a few things that he cannot change. Campbell said that it is not unusual to see Merchant performing a rain dance if the weather has been too dry for his taste. His associates also say that his sense of humor is one of his most likable qualities.

Marjorie Poyck, executive assistant to the president, said that although Merchant will be missed when he leaves, there has been a gradual, phasing out of his responsibilities to ensure that there will not be any confusion caused by Merchant's departure.

While attending Emory and Henry College in southwest Virginia for his undergraduate degree, Merchant met and married Mary Alice Moore, who was also pursuing a career in education. After graduation, the U.S. Navy called him off reserve status and onto active duty to serve as a hospital corpsman in Maryland during the Korean War.

From there, Merchant went on to UVA where he received a master's degree in educational administration.

"What I wanted to be was a high school principal and perhaps ultimately superintendent of schools," he said.

That ambition changed when Merchant was offered a position at Longwood College by Earl Boggs, academic dean of the college and his former professor at UVA. Merchant remained at Longwood from 1956 to 1959 as the director of public relations and admissions.

He chose to leave the college because during that time, Prince Edward County was opposing racial integration in the public school system. Merchant said that the public schools would rather close than be integrated.

Because of this, he and his wife decided that it was a good place to raise their two small children, Al and Beth. Merchant said that it was a difficult decision to make because of his own beliefs about integration.

"I, then as now, feel that integration was what one had to do," he said.

In 1959 Merchant met and became friends with Michael Houston, who was director of admissions at MWC

at the time. Houston offered Merchant the position of registrar at the college and he accepted.

With the cycle set in motion, Merchant moved on to become director of admissions in 1967 and remained there for seven years. In 1973, Houston, who was vice president of the college at the time, died of heart stroke, and Merchant assumed some of the responsibilities of Houston's position in addition to his own responsibilities in admissions.

Then, in 1974, Merchant was named the next vice president of the college. Some of his responsibilities included managing the campus police, the infirmary and the Office of Personnel, among other campus offices. He was also the director of the affirmative action committee and worked closely with the dean of faculty. Merchant stayed in that position until 1980.

Next, Merchant became vice president for continuing education, dealing mainly with the bachelor of liberal studies program.

Finally, in 1983, Merchant's title was changed to executive vice president of the college. Besides serving in the absence of the president, his duties consisted of being in charge of all campus personnel, the Career Services Center, student records, and campus mail.

As of July 1, Merchant's duty of serving in absence of the president has been assumed by Provost Philip Hall. At present, his activities have consisted of constructing a list of space for both administrative and faculty offices and responding to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' evaluation of the MWC's Self Study Program.

Merchant was also chairman of the education department and taught full time for a few years. He said that although he enjoyed teaching, administration was where the excitement was for him. In addition, he chaired numerous committees, including the committees which chose the last two presidents.

When he retires, Merchant is not sure what he will do besides spend time with his wife, who has retired from the public school system.

"I am going to paint the inside of my garage and then I will decide what I am going to do with the rest of my life," Merchant said.

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